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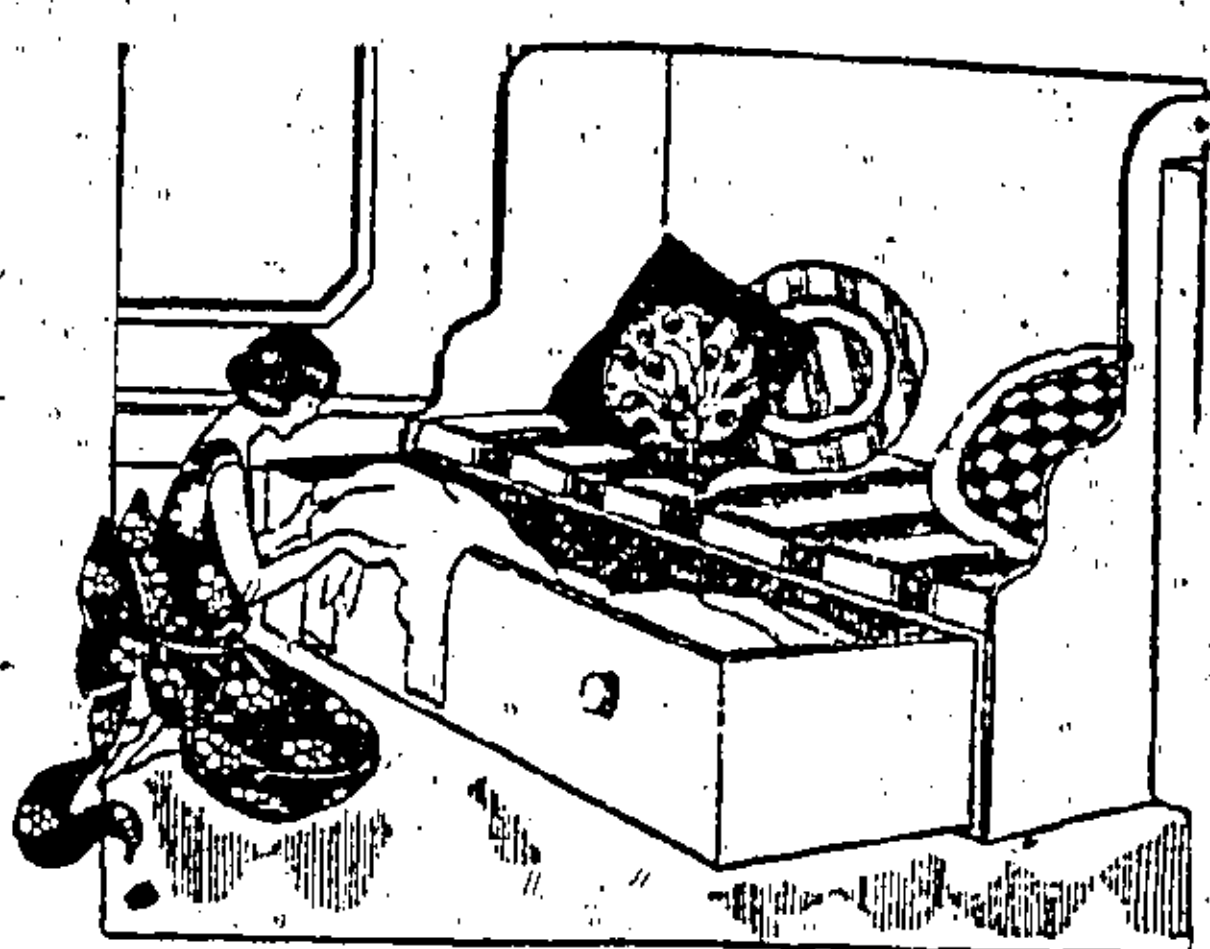
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| 1 Qt. Vio de Pasto Sherry. |
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| 2 Qts. King Geo. IV. or Perfection Whisky. |
| 1 Qt. Engstrand's XXX Brandy. |
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No. 203.

Part I.
FIELD DAY.

13th December, 1925.

All Companies will proceed to Sheung Shui Station by the 9.15 a.m. train from Kowloon.

O.C. Companies are responsible that no recruit who has not previously qualified in Part I. of the Musketry Course is permitted to fire in the Field Firing Practices.

Return to Kowloon by 4.28 p.m. train from Fanning Station.

Members will provide their own haversack rations; the Corps Canteen will be in attendance.

Dress: Uniform, helmet, khaki jacket, shorts, putties, rifle, bayonet, belt, braces, pouches, haversack and water-bottle.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 11th December, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 12th December, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

PARADES.

No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Monday, 13th December, inclusive until further orders, except under private arrangements by O.C.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.

Corps Field Day, 13th December.

Battery Staff, consisting of B.C.A., G.P.O.A., N.C.O. i/c Signals, and "A" and "B" Groups of Signallers will attend the above and Artillery co-operation with the Infantry will be carried out in accordance with the Tactical Scheme.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station 6.00 hours on Sunday, 13th December.

Dress: Khaki drill tunics and shorts, putties, helmets, haversacks, water-bottles and bandoliers.

Haversack rations should be carried, drinks will be available at Fanning.

Stores required: Two No. 4 Directors, Field Plecter, Signalling flags, Message pads, and Artillery codes.

City Section parade at Corps Headquarters at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th December. Dress: Multi.

Taikoo Section parade at Taikoo at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th December. Dress: Multi.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

All Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th December. Dress: Multi.

Field Section parade at Corps Headquarters from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th December, for Practical Field Geometry. Dress: Multi.

Signal Section parade at Corps Headquarters from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th December, for Buzzet Practice. Dress: Multi.

Light Section parade at Belcher's Fort for D.E.L. Runs from 6 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, 17th December. Dinners will be provided by the Corps. Dress: Caps, tunics, long trousers, and belts, no side arms.

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.

Corps Field Day, 13th December.

All members of the Company are required to attend this parade.

Ponies will rendezvous near Dodwell's Bungalow and everyone must be there before 10.30 a.m., whether they are staying out at Fanning or coming out by train—the latest train being 9.15 a.m. from Kowloon.

Members will provide their own haversack rations; the Corps Canteen will be in attendance.

Dress: Uniform, helmet, rifle, bayonet, bandoliers, belt, haversack and water-bottle.

Rifles to be drawn on Friday, 11th December, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 12th December, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

Field Day, Sunday, 13th December.

All Ranks will proceed by 9.15 a.m. train from Kowloon.

Dress: Drill order: Full equipment with rifles.

Rations must be taken, but drinks will be available at Fanning.

Rides must be drawn from Headquarters on Friday, 11th December, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 12th December, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Drivers will parade as detailed by Sergt. Bruce, who will take the 4 guns and ammunition on the 1-ton truck in the 8 a.m. ferry to Kowloon and thence to Fanning Cross Roads.

Motor cyclists will parade under Corp. Spradberry at Kowloon Station at 8.45 a.m. and proceed as an escort to the guns to Fanning.

After the Field Day there will be no parade for the Armoured Car Company until Monday, 14th December, 1925.

INFANTRY COMPANY.

N.C.O.'s Class parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, 14th December, at 5.30 p.m. under Sergt.-Major Wright. Dress: Multi.

No. 1 Platoon: A Corps Field Day will be held on Sunday next at Fanning, when a Corps Attack and Field Firing Scheme will be carried out. Full orders in regard to train, kit, etc., are detailed in Para. 1. It is hoped that a full turn out of members of No. 1 Platoon as possible will be obtained and those who did not take part in the Field Day on Sunday last are reminded that attendance is necessary in order to qualify as efficient.

No. 3 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th December. Dress: Multi, rifle, bayonet and belt.

No. 4 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th December. Dress: Multi.

SCOTTISH COMPANY.

Field Day, Sunday, 13th December.

The Company (Nos. 3, 6 and 7 Platoons) will parade at full strength outside Kowloon Railway Station on Sunday, 13th December, at 9 a.m.

Dress: Short putties, khaki hose tops, flashes, kilts, khaki aprons, tunics, helmets, rifle, bayonet, belt, braces, pouches, haversack and waterbottle.

Rations will be provided.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 11th December, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 12th December, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Note: To be efficient every member of the Company must attend Field Day. Pipe Band will parade for practice as usual.

Reel Club will meet for practice as detailed by Pte. R. O. Sutherland.

Bowls match against Kowloon Bowling Green Club will take place on Saturday, 12th December.

Kit: There are still many members of No. 7 (City) Platoon who have not sent in completed lists to C.Q.M.S. P. W. Ramsay and they are requested to do so at once.

No. 5 Platoon will parade at Taikoo Dockyard Offices at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th December.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Docks on Friday, 11th December, at 5.15 p.m.

No. 7 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 10th December, at 5.15 p.m. for instruction in "Platoon in Attack and Defence." Dress: Multi.

Next Parade: Thursday, 17th December.

RESERVE COMPANY.

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at disposal of the Reserve Company at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates:—

Tuesday, 15th December.

22nd

20th

MEDICAL SECTION.

Field Day Duties.

Captain Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, O.B.E., will be M.O. on duty on 13th December, 1925.

Pte. W. Elliott is detailed as Medical Orderly on duty for the Field Day, Sunday, 13th December, 1925, and will parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 9 a.m. on that date.

Haversacks containing First Aid requirements and waterbottle will be carried.

Medical Stores: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 11th December, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 12th December, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and must be returned to Corps Headquarters not later than the Tuesday following the Field Day.

RANGES.

Ranges have been allotted as follows: Stonecutters: Sunday, 10th January 1926, Reserve Company.

Miniature: Tuesday, 15th December, 1925, Reserve Company.

Miniature: Tuesday, 22nd December, 1925, Reserve Company.

Miniature: Tuesday, 20th December, 1925, Reserve Company.

Part II.

STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the strength as from 7th December, 1925, and posted as under:—

No. 1007 Pte. A. D. Silas, Mounted Infantry Company.

No. 1008 Bugler A. L. S. Read, Infantry Company.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 1 Platoon.

No. 737 Pte. S. Jarvis, M.C., to be Lance-Corporal, as from 9th December, 1925.

No. 2 Platoon.

No. 460 Lce.-Corpl. H. T. Buxton, to be Corporal, as from 7th December, 1925.

No. 749 Lce.-Corpl. E. Dewhurst, to be Corporal as from 7th December, 1925.

Scottish Company.

No. 343 A/C.Q.M.S. P. W. Ramsay to be C.Q.M.S. as from 26th October, 1925.

TRANSFERS.

The following are permitted to transfer as under, as from 1st December, 1925:—

No. 788 Pte. A. G. Gordon from M.I. Co. to No. 7 (City) Platoon.

No. 750 Pte. W. J. Stonham from No. 2 Platoon to M.I. Co.

No. 781 Pte. J. R. Jenkins from No. 2 Platoon to M.I. Co.

No. 915 Pte. L. E. Hopkins from A.C. Co. to Reserve Co.

LEAVE.

No. 613 Pte. P. Morrison, No. 7 Platoon, is granted 12 months' leave from 8th December, 1925, to 4th December, 1926.

No. 572 Corpl. W. D. Jamies, No. 7 Platoon, is granted 1 month's leave, from 3rd December, 1925, to 2nd January, 1926.

REVERSIONS.

No. 750 Corpl. C. R. F. Johnson, M.C., No. 2 Platoon, is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 7th December, 1925.

No. 755 Lce.-Corpl. K. A. Mason, No. 3 Platoon, is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 7th December, 1925.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 1st December, 1925:—

No. 422 Corpl. E. Thompson, Engineer Company.

No. 308 Pte. F. J. Ling, Reserve Company.

MARKSMEN.

The following have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 827 Pte. W. D. Goodfellow, M.C., No. 1 Platoon, 98 points.

No. 621 Pte. T. J. Price, No. 1 Platoon, 92 points.

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PROSPECTUS.

The Subscription List will be opened on TUESDAY, the 15th day of DECEMBER, 1925, and will close on or before THURSDAY, the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1925.

Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911.

Capital \$5,000,000 divided into 500,000 Shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 110,000 were subscribed for cash on the incorporation of the Company by the two Promoters, the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER and JAMES HARPER TAGGART, as to 15,000 each, and by the Directors, the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK, the Hon. Mr. CHOW SNOY SOW, the Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTSWALL, the Very Reverend Father LEON ROBERT, ROBERT GORDON SKEWAN, JOHN SCOTT HARTON and JAMES HARPER TAGGART as to 10,000 shares each.

On these \$3.50 per share (being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon) was paid on allotment and the balance (\$7.50 per share) will be paid when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

110,000 shares credited as fully paid up and ranking for dividend as from the 1st July, 1925, have been allotted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, in pursuance of the Agreement (hereinafter called "the Purchase Agreement") dated the 29th day of May, 1925, made between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, of the one part and JAMES HARPER TAGGART on behalf of the above Company of the other part.

The remaining 250,000 shares, to rank for dividend from the 1st day of January, 1926, on the nominal amount from time to time paid up thereon but in all other respects equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for public subscription. \$3.50 per share is payable on application, being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon. The balance due on each share, namely \$7.50, will not be called up at present but is to be called up on subsequent demand as and when capital is required.

In allotting shares the Directors will, if there are sufficient applications from *bona fide* residents in the Colony of Hongkong, allot shares to such applicants only, and they will also pay due regard to the applications of telephone subscribers.

DIRECTORS.

The Hon. Sir CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, Marble Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. PERCY HOLYOAK, of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Hon. Mr. CHOW SNOY SOW, of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

The Hon. Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTSWALL, of Chia Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Very Reverend Father LEON ROBERT, of Missions Etrangères, Victoria, Hongkong, Missionary.

ROBERT GORDON SKEWAN, of St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

JOHN SCOTT HARTON, of Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

JAMES HARPER TAGGART, of Victoria, Hongkong, Managing Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In pursuance of the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, or either of these Companies, so long as these Companies or either of them hold in their or its own right not less than 100,000 fully paid up shares in the above Company are to have the right of nominating two Directors of the Company provided such Nominated Directors are *bona fide* residents of Hongkong. The first nominated Directors (nominated by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited,) are the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong.

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Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Victoria, Hongkong, Accountants.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. DEACONS, Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE.

16, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

ACTING SECRETARY.

A. L. TERRY, A.C.L.S.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situated at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement as follows:—

(2) The Vendor Company will sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the First day of July "One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five the said Telephone business and the whole of the undertaking in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with the benefit of all assets there situated but exclusive of the net profits, investments, cash in hand and in the Bank and debts due to the Vendor Company on the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five) of the Vendor Company but free from all debentures, mortgages, or charges of any kind and the Vendor Company save as herein specially provided for shall pay and discharge all liabilities whatsoever incurred by the Vendor Company prior to the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five including the satisfaction of all claims in respect of staff superannuation funds bonus funds and/or other bonus payments up to and including the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five provided always and these presents are upon this express condition that the same shall be subject to the said James Harper Taggart being satisfied with the state and condition of the plant (including cables conduits etc.) of the Vendor Company. The said phrase "the undertaking" shall be deemed to include:—

(a) The Goodwill of the Vendor Company as now carried on in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof.

(b) All the lands and buildings of the Vendor Company owned and/or leased by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business being the premises set out in the Schedule hereunder written subject to the rents conditions and reservations affecting the same.

(c) All plant material stores machinery property stock in trade instruments furniture and utensils together with such books accounts documents plans statistics records and reports as pertain or are necessary to the conduct in continuity of the business being the property of the Vendor Company and used by it for the purpose of its business and including spare plant and stores of all descriptions (whether actually in use or not in use) without any exception whatsoever save as hereinafter mentioned in the possession of the Vendor Company or to which it is entitled and also including works of all kinds in the course of construction without exception.

(d) The benefit of all contracts and engagements entered into by the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong in relation to its said business (but excepting contracts with employees of the Vendor Company for which special provision is hereinafter made).

(e) The Vendor Company's rights and corresponding obligations in respect thereof relating to all wayleaves ways and all other rights and easements enjoyed and used by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business.

(3) The consideration for the said sale shall be the following sums that is to say:—

(a) The sum of \$1,155,000 (One million one hundred and fifty-five thousand Dollars Hongkong Currency) for the plant of the Vendor Company.

(b) The landed cost to the Vendor Company of a 1 additions made to the said plant and/or property from the First day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five to the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(c) The sum of \$41,333 (Four hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and thirty-five Dollars Hongkong Currency) for the land and buildings of the Vendor Company which are more particularly set forth in the Schedule hereto.

(d) The value of the stores of the Vendor Company which at the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five are in the possession of the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong or are in transit to the Vendor Company there or for the purchase of which the Vendor Company has entered into binding contracts.

(4) The said consideration shall be satisfied (as to the sum of One million four hundred thousand Dollars part thereof) by the allotment and issue to the Vendor Company of One hundred and forty thousand shares of Ten Dollars each in the Hongkong Company credited as fully paid up ranking for dividend as from the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and (as to the balance thereof) by payment in cash in Hongkong Currency in Hongkong by the Hongkong Company to the Vendor Company.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

Properties Owned by the Vendor Company.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central and No. 14 Ice House Street.

No. 1 Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Nos 118 and 119, The Peak.

Inland Lot No. 57; Sections A & B of Inland Lot No. 339.

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Properties Leased by the Vendor Company.

(a) Six Office Rooms in Nos. 15 and 17 Queen's Road Central.

(b) One Two-storied Godown, used as Store and Workshop being No. 3a Duddell Street.

(c) Portion of land belonging to Kowloon-Canton Railway at Blackhead's Point, Kowloon, for storing cables.

In addition to the allotment of 140,000 shares of the Company, credited as fully paid up, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company Limited has received from the Hongkong Company \$200,000 in cash on account of the consideration specified in the Purchase Agreement.

The Hongkong Company was formed for the purpose, also, of supplying telephonic communication within and between the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and the New Territories for a period of Fifty years under a Concession from the Hongkong Government detailed particulars of which appear more fully in The Telephone Ordinance 1925 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Telephone Ordinance").

The Hongkong Company is authorised to charge the following annual rates with effect from the 1st July 1925:—

(a) \$108 per Exchange Line within (i) Victoria and Kowloon as defined by the Interpretation Ordinance 1911 and (ii) within the Peak District as defined by the Peak District Reservation Ordinance 1904 but substituting "700 feet" for "788 feet."

(b) \$108 per Exchange Line within a radius of one mile from any exchange that may hereafter be opened outside the areas referred to in (a).

(c) An additional charge of \$50 per mile or part of a mile measured outwards from the nearest point of the boundary of the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(d) For extension telephones, bells, switches, switch-boards, power-circuits, removals, and other services of like nature, such charges as the Governor-in-Council may approve.

Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum on the paid up capital of the Company for the time being, after making provision for working and managing expenses, maintenance and efficient

service, depreciation and reserve, and the other deductions referred to in Section 35 of the said Telephone Ordinance the above rates are to be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive such minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum.

The amount to be written off as provided annually for depreciation is not to exceed ten per cent. on the cost of the Company's plant and equipment other than land and buildings, and the amount that may be appropriated annually by the Company to a Reserve Account shall not exceed \$50,000.

The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid are to be used firstly in payment to the Government of a royalty of Four Dollars in respect of each direct exchange line Telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous Twelve months by a Telephone Subscriber or One Dollar per direct exchange line Telephone for each period of Three months or less.

The said net profits are secondly to be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum Dividend of Eight per cent. per annum rising to Twelve per cent. per annum.

If the net profits be such that a larger dividend than Twelve per cent. per annum can be paid then as to the difference between Twelve per cent. and Eighteen per cent. half thereof is to be paid by way of increase of dividends to the shareholders of the Company, and the remaining half of such difference is to be set aside for the benefit of subscribers by way of reduction of the subscription rates authorised as above mentioned. The dividend payable to shareholders is limited to a maximum of Fifteen per cent. per annum.

Any further net profits (i.e., net profits in excess of Eighteen per cent. per annum) are to be applied solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

Full particulars in respect of the above appear in The Telephone Ordinance 1925.

(b) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is Seven shares.

(c) The shares now offered for subscription have not been underwritten.

(d) No commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and flotation of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also the legal costs and expenses of and incidental to the negotiations which have taken place for acquiring the aforesaid undertaking and the negotiations with the Hongkong Government arising thereout and the obtaining of the aforesaid Ordinance, such legal costs and expenses to be incurred during the year 1925, and the estimated amount thereof is \$20,000.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$2,000 per annum.

(g) The Directors were interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Purchase Agreement and of The Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925 can be inspected at the office of Messrs Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$3.50 per share, being as to \$2.50 thereof one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to the remaining \$1.00 the premium thereon. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and forms of application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, and at and from the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs Deacons, No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

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HONGKONG.**CHINA AND THE POWERS.****THE CLAIM FOR TARIFF AUTONOMY.****MINISTER'S SPEECH AT OXFORD.**

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the Chinese Acting-Minister in London and the newly-appointed Minister-Plenipotentiary to Italy, was the chief guest at the annual dinner of the Oxford Chinese Students' Society at Oxford on November 7th.

Addressing the students, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu said:—I am glad to be able to attend once again your annual dinner before I leave England. I would not have liked to have left without coming once more to propose prosperity to the Oxford Chinese Students' Society and re-affirm the pleasure it has always given me to be among you in Oxford. I have always wished that in my early career it had been possible for me to be a student at Oxford. I wish it had been so for many reasons: firstly, because of the exceptional educational opportunities you enjoy; secondly, because of the invaluable facilities afforded for the study of character; thirdly, because of the charm of your natural surroundings; and fourthly, because Oxford is the home of intellectual and social progress, and people who have its hall-mark go far in after life and never, I understand, lose it. (Applause.) I am not, of course, referring to the Oxford University, but to the invention of Oxford University, and to your general progressiveness and to your absorption of new ideas. I went to America to study before I realised the many good points of English education in general and Oxford education in particular. It has become impossible for me now to resume my College career in Oxford. The only benefit I can get from Oxford is to read the Oxford series of books, and particularly the Oxford Dictionary. Study affords great pleasure, which is practically unending. I am studying perhaps as hard as you fellows do, because I am doing it in addition to my routine duties. The only difference between yourself and myself is that your study prepares you for examinations while I study not only for knowledge but pleasure. It is also true that if you do not study your tutors will take notice of your shortcomings, but I am a free lance, and therein lies my advantage. (Laughter.) Such an advantage you all enjoy. After the close of your College careers, and I would like to lay stress on this point because study in after life depends very largely on the preparation of the mind in youth. Before I went to America I devoted my time to the study of Chinese literature. I took the Imperial examination under the old régime, and, fortunately or unfortunately as the case may be, I belong to the old school. I was therefore one of those who, in accordance with custom, were locked up for several days in the examination hall, where we used to cook our own meals. The little room was 7 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 5 feet high. I remember you see, in order to prepare himself for an examination, a student in the old days had to learn how to cook—otherwise he would have found himself starving in the examination hall. (Laughter.) You students of to-day are fortunate. You escape being examined in that way even after you return to China. I am leaving you soon. You need not be sorry for my departure, since we are all to be congratulated on having Dr. W. W. Yen, whom you will find one of the best representatives of our country. (Applause.) The announcement of his appointment has been warmly received in official circles, and favourably commented upon by the leading papers in this country. As you know, I am going to Rome. This function, therefore, though your annual dinner is, I take it, also my farewell dinner.

A LOVE STORY.

Let me illustrate my point with a love story. A young man went abroad and met a girl with whom he fell in love. He was introduced to her parents and moved to her house, which was situated in a village. Thus the young man and the girl saw each other every day, and were never separated even for one moment. One day the young man wrote a letter to his own folks and had to go to the Post Office to send it off. The Post Office was about a mile from the house, so the young man asked leave to go there, and the girl saw him off at the door. They said "good-bye" to each other many times and kissed each other frequently, and then finally he left. The girl felt so sorrowful at letting him go. Her mother heard her weeping, and came to inquire the cause. The girl replied: "He—he has gone." The father wondered whether the young man had run away, and inquired where he had gone. The girl replied: "He—he has gone to the Post Office." (Laughter.) You thus see that saying "good-bye" to each other is always a mournful ceremony. I am now only going to the Continent, which is no great distance away, although a little further perhaps than the Post Office to which the young man went. I shall, however, come back to England in any case. During my stay here I have acquired an intimate acquaintance with this country and its people, and I love it second only to my own. (Applause.) I have been in England now for over four years, and in this period I have made many public speeches with the object of improving our mutual international understanding. This understanding is for the benefit of this country, quite as much as for the advantage of my own. The promotion of a mutual understanding of this nature is vital to strengthen the relationship between the two countries. It is my duty to do so. (Applause.) I would, though, once again, ask you to abandon an old, but quite wrong, conception of the duty of a diplomatist, namely, that he is sent abroad to lie for the good of his country. Possibly this was true in centuries gone by, but it is quite untrue nowadays. We diplomatists, I hope, behave ourselves better, and we never tell lies, no matter how much we may advocate any good points of the country which we have this honour to represent. (Applause.)

have, during my time in this country, said so many good things of my country that some people may think they may not have been altogether correct. At least, I can say not only that nothing I have said has caused any harm while it was strictly correct so far as I could state the facts. Moreover, I have never said anything adverse to my country, and furthermore I have never uttered a word depreciatory of anything in this country. I admit there may be some things open to criticism. I am not a critic—my position will not permit me to criticise at all. Accordingly, I have always laid it down as a rule for myself to follow, that I should only allude to points which are good, and that I should ignore everything else. Moreover, it surely is permissible, as well as advisable, so far as the moral standpoint is concerned, to say things which may be beneficial to my country while they do no harm to others.

TARIFF AUTONOMY.

Now the most important matter on which we ought to lay stress at the present time is the question of Tariff autonomy which the Chinese Government has brought forward at the Conference now sitting at Peking. We must insist upon the restoration of Tariff Autonomy. (Applause.) The reason is simple and obvious. China is a Sovereign State, and every Sovereign State has the right of fixing its own tariff. Why is China not allowed to do so? Some people assert that this was stipulated in the treaties entered into by China and Foreign Powers, and that a treaty as a treaty ought to be respected. These treaties, however, were imposed on China. They were merely tolerated for many decades. They are what are called unequal treaties, they have bound our hands, and they are now generally regarded as out of date and inapplicable. They should therefore be revised throughout. China is now asking the Powers concerned for an amicable readjustment. I was instructed by our Government to bring up the question of the revision of the unequal treaties at the Assembly of the League of Nations last September, and it was very warmly received. The international public opinion on this question is in our favour. The Tariff Conference now sitting in Peking is pursuing the course of revising the tariff, which is the most important and vital part of all the provisions in the unequal treaties. We Chinese are practically united as to the necessity of reconsidering our international conditions in spite of political differences. If you take note of the economic expressed by all Chinese political as well as military leaders on the question, you will be convinced that this is a vital issue and we Chinese are bound to see it to the end. (Applause.)

Let me quote a statement on the Tariff question of Dr. Wang Chung Hui, Chinese Associate Judge at the Permanent Court of International Justice, who is generally regarded as a very high authority on international law and one of the most prominent statesmen China ever produced. He has left for China to take part in the Tariff Conference, of which he is one of the Chief Delegates representing China. He said he warned the Chinese people that if we signed another treaty in exchange for an increase of 2 per cent, we would be giving up the rights of our country very cheaply. He proposed an alternative, that China may agree to certain reasonable schemes as to the temporary increase of tariff, on the express condition that Tariff autonomy is to be restored to China in two or three years.

There has been so far a good result from the Tariff Conference. Since I have been asked to give some information which I have received from Peking, with regard to the work of the Conference, I am now stating it as follows:—

1. The Chinese Delegation has presented a plan for restoring Tariff autonomy to the Conference for consideration.
2. The Powers concerned have accepted the principle of Tariff autonomy.
3. Prior to Tariff autonomy and during the interim period China will increase 5 per cent. surtax on general merchandise and also impose on luxurious goods from 20 per cent. to 30 per cent. Most of the delegations have expressed their willingness to discuss the Tariff rates beyond the Washington resolutions.
4. The Powers concerned are asking the Chinese Delegation to present a concrete scheme of abolishing *likin*.
5. The Chinese Delegation has promised to present a concrete scheme to abolish *likin* and all kinds of transit taxation, which are being regarded as a menace to trade and commerce in the interior, and this scheme will be carried out within three years.
6. The national Tariff law of China will be enforced in 1929, provided the abolition of *likin* is also carried out effectively at that time.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

Now what China should work on first is the problem of how to abolish *likin*. Without this abolition China's request for Tariff autonomy would be unreasonable. We, as a nation, must see our way clear to do away with any unreasonable aspects of the problem, so far as either we or anyone else is concerned. We need have no fear if we are reasonable. Some pessimists have thought that China would never be able to abolish *likin*. She tried to do so in 1902 and she failed, so it is suggested that she can never do it successfully. This is a pessimistic argument which rests on no sound basis. Under the old régime China was once unable to abolish *likin*, but she has never been given another chance to see if she can do so now. The Chinese people as a whole are quite different from what they were twenty-five years ago. They are awakening. They are interested in public affairs. They are aware of the nature of the so-called unequal treaties. They now realise that these inequalities must be changed into equalities. Otherwise there will be no co-operation so long as foreigners are enjoying any political and economic "extraordinary privileges" and immunities in China. On the other hand, if the Powers concerned wish to trade peacefully in China, and if they wish to improve their trade conditions, and enlarge the scope of commercial operations throughout the interior of China, they

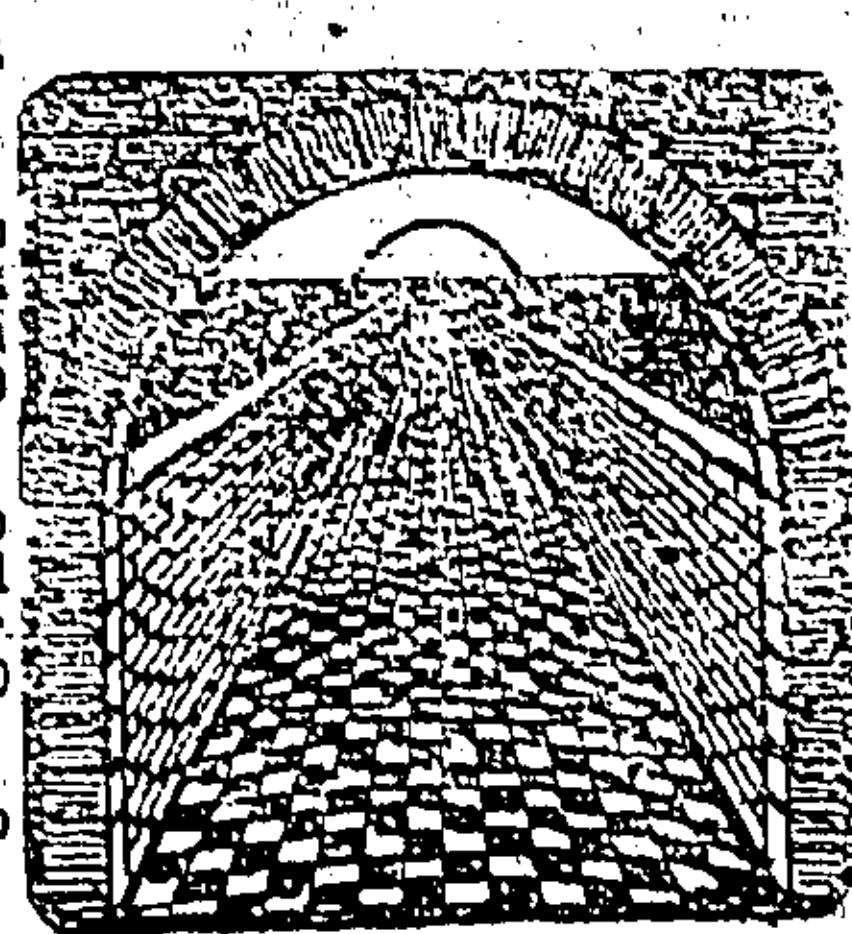
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"IOLANTHE."**EARLY ATTENDANCE MOST DESIRABLE.**

As is now well known throughout the Colony, the first performance of "Iolanthe" by the Philharmonic Society takes place to-night at the Theatre Royal commencing at 8.15. It is desired especially to urge on those attending the performance, the importance of taking their seats early. Those who have themselves performed on the stage know how disconcerting it is to have members of the audience shuffling in during the progress of a song or the development of the plot. Those who have not, can be assured that the players will not be able to give of their best when the noise of footsteps in the auditorium or mummings as to the position of the late comers' seats, diverts the attention of those on the stage.

For the benefit of the audience themselves, it may be stated that the Society have prepared a very "excellent" programme (for which no charge will be made) wherein is given a full description of the plot of the Opera. It is well worth while arriving even at 9 o'clock in order to read it through before the Opera starts, as this provides at least an entertaining reading as anything one can buy at the bookstalls, whilst the loss of a single chord of the overture is the loss of that charming, catchy music that few besides Sullivan could give. A year ago, it was decided to close the doors at the conclusion of the overture to the "Yeomen of the Guard," until the chorus came on the stage as that Opera opens with a solo by Phoebe and any noise, is particularly objectionable in such a case. The Hongkong public then responded nobly to the request for early attendance, and it is sincerely hoped that they will do so again in the case of "Iolanthe." Any enjoyment that may be obtained from that "other half" and anything like worth it when it is secured at the loss of a single moment of Gilbert and Sullivan.

The public may rest assured that 8.15 has been fixed as the time for starting (and 9.15 means 9.15 and not a minute later) entirely from the point of view of their own convenience, and it is therefore requested that the audience may make a special point of being in their seats by that time.

The bulk of the profits are to be given to Charity, and a right royal welcome to "Iolanthe" will be equally welcomed by our local Charities.

THE PROGRAMME.

The programme is an interesting production of 32 pages. It includes a well written summary of the story of the opera, and some interesting pages of reminiscences of the famous collaborators, Sir William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. This is the first occasion on which a "Souvenir" programme of the present one has been issued for free distribution. To Mr. D. E. Evans belong the credit of its compilation.

TESTS FOR MOTOR CYCLISTS.

Motor-cyclists are now being tested before granted licences. At the Central Police Station compound yesterday, a Chinese student underwent such a test by Traffic-Sergeant Saunders. At the conclusion much to the bewilderment of the student, the Sergeant showed him how it was possible for a motor-cycle combination to be turned around on its own axis.

should without any hesitation agree to accept China's proposal for the restoration of Tariff autonomy on the strict understanding that China will simultaneously undertake to abolish *likin* and all kinds of transit taxation, in order to remove a great barrier in the way of internal trade and commerce, not merely for the benefit of foreign traders, but also for that of home traders as well. This step will help to open up China commercially and economically, and will not only benefit trading nations like Great Britain in particular, but the whole world in general.

UNEQUAL TREATIES.

The head of the present Government, Marshal Tuan Chi Jui, has accepted the great responsibility of bringing to the front the question of the revision of the unequal treaties. When he addressed the delegates at the opening meeting of the Tariff Conference on October 28th he emphasised the point of Tariff autonomy. The Government, under the leadership of the Chief Executive, is doing his best to improve the international condition of China. The Government and the people in China generally are supporting to their utmost Marshal Tuan, who is a man of great intellectual ability. With him in power the Government can hold its own since his personality and popularity are so great. I feel I must not neglect the opportunity afforded me by this dinner of paying the Chief Executive a tribute in the course of my speech, wherein I touch on international politics. (Applause.)

OXFORD STUDENTS.

Let me add a few words of good wishes to the Oxford Chinese Students' Society. Ministers come and go. Students come and go. But the impressions we leave behind us will last, and the knowledge we acquire, if properly used, will be of permanent value to our country to which we are all so deeply attached. We should always endeavour to make the best use of the exceptional opportunities which have been afforded all of us for the study of books and men. The Oxford Chinese Students' Society, therefore, plays a very great rôle in carrying on the traditions of Chinese culture and character at Oxford, and I hope, therefore, that its prosperity will be permanent, and we shall, as a nation, always be able to feel that in the student's here the banner of our race is being kept high and creditably displayed. There will be many others who will, I feel, be more eloquent than I on the work you do, but there will never be anyone following me who will be inspired by greater enthusiasm or moved by deeper attachment to your Society and to the brilliant young men and young women who form it. (Applause.)

PROPERTY SALE.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold, by order of the mortgagee, leasehold property at No. 29, Third Street, containing 342.03 square feet, the annual Crown rent of which is \$4.87. The upset price was \$8,500 and this was advanced by bids of \$100 to \$7,000, at which figure Mr. Pong Cho Kui, 19, Peel Street, became the purchaser.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report at 4.50 p.m. yesterday: The anti-cyclone over China has increased in intensity. The depression is probably moving eastwards across the northern part of the Sea of Japan. Fresh strong monsoons will continue along the coast and over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy with some drizzle.

MORE BORDER INCIDENTS. VILLAGE ATTACKED BY 30 MEN AND CHILDREN KIDNAPPED. DETECTIVE'S NARROW ESCAPE

Considerable activity is being shown on the border of the New Territories by the Chinese. Hardly a day passes without some incident, such as the crossing of pickets into British territory, or the discharge of firearms at European, Wei-hai-wei or Indian police and Chinese villagers on the British side, being reported.

Yesterday two reports reached the police. In one instance it was a case of armed robbery and kidnapping. The village of Heung Yuen, in the Sheung Shui district, was attacked by thirty men, armed with rifles and revolvers, about midnight on Wednesday. After entering several houses and intimidating the occupants they eventually made off in the direction of Chinese territory, after kidnapping three young Chinese boys and stealing a bullock, and money, jewellery and clothing to the total value of \$674. No shots were fired.

The other case concerned a Chinese detective. He was on duty at Sha Tau Kok on Wednesday morning and while he was sitting in a shop, a man passed the door and discharged a pistol at him. Fortunately, the shot did not take effect, but in the resulting scramble, the assailant escaped into Chinese territory.

WEST POINT BLAZE. LITTLE GIRL'S PERILOUS EXPERIENCE.

Property and goods to the value of about \$35,000 were destroyed by a fire which broke out at West Point in the early hours of yesterday morning. It is stated that it originated by sparks from a chafin setting tea leaves alight.

The fire broke out in the top storey of a block of houses in Des Vaux Road West, and quickly spread to the adjoining houses Nos. 207 and 211, and when the Brigade arrived their task was hopeless. They played their hoses on the other buildings near and prevented the flames from spreading. The Brigade were on the scene all the morning, and did not get the blaze under control until after 1 p.m. The three houses were gutted, and the ground floors of 205 and 212 were also damaged.

It is believed, though it is not definitely known, that all the residents got out of the houses. A crippled old man was brought out on the back of his son, and at the time it was thought that he was the last to be saved from the flames. But at daylight when the firemen began to investigate the ruins they discovered huddled in the corner of a balcony an eight-year-old girl. She was alive and the only hurt she sustained was that her face was burnt on one side, where she had come into contact with a red hot brick. The girl, apparently, had been on the verandah while the fire was raging, and the jets of water had been playing on her. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Most of the 18 floors involved were occupied by the Kwong On Chung firm of tea dealers, who were insured for \$30,000. The proprietors of a grocery shop, where extensive damage was done, has reported that his goods were insured for \$2,000.

LOCAL WILLS.

KOWLOON CITY MERCHANT LEAVES \$127,000.

Mr. Kwok Shau Chuen, of No. 17, School Street, Tai Hang, who died on June 14th, 1925, left property to the value of \$93,000. Probate of the will has been granted. He leaves the estate to be divided between his two sons, Kwok Shui Chuen and Kwok Chiu Wan, merchants, of the same address.

Cheung Kap, alias Cheung Lo Chik, alias Cheung Kun Hing, of Po Kong Chuk Yuen, Kowloon City, who died on July 20th, 1924, left property to the value of \$127,000. Probate of the will has just been granted.

FRENCH ADMIRAL ARRIVES.

The new Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in Far Eastern waters, Rear-Admiral Basile, arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning on board his flagship, the cruiser *Jules Michelet*, from Saigon. The usual salutes were exchanged.

Later in the morning, the Admiral landed, and accompanied by the French Consul, M. Yves du Courthial, called upon H.E. the Governor.

SHARE ALLOTMENTS.

MESSRS. POWELL'S OBTAIN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING.

At the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), Mr. T. Addis, applied on behalf of Messrs. William Powell & Co., for an extension of time to file their allotments.

Mr. Addis said that Company allotted shares on March 1st and May 1st, 1924, and between February 1st and February 24th, 1925, more shares were allotted. Mr. H. Osborne Holt was then secretary, but he had since left the Colony. During the month of November of this year, after Mr. Holt's departure, it was discovered that returns of allotments had not been filed.

An extension of one week was granted.

DISPUTE OVER SUGAR.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL ARREST OF SALESMAN FOR THEFT.

Tung Tin Fook, a salesman in the employ of the Kui Hing Loong firm, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, on a charge of stealing 16 bags of sugar, the property of the firm.

Mr. Gordon Leask prosecuted, and defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum. A plea of not guilty was entered.

Mr. Leask, in outlining the case, said that the complainants were a firm of commission agents. In May this year a consignment of 16 bags of sugar and a quantity of oil arrived for them from Hoihow for sale on commission. When cargo like this arrived it was their custom to hand over the bills of lading to one of their salesmen. In the case in question, the defendant received the bill of lading, and went to the ship to take delivery and see the goods stored in the godown. The oil was taken to the godown, but not the sugar.

Some time after this event, there was a dispute in the Civil Court, involving two of the partners of the firm. The books of the firm went into the hands of the Receiver, and were afterwards returned to the managing partner, Chan In Sang. The accountant of the firm searched the books, and the books of the godown were also gone through. They discovered that the sugar was never received at the godown.

A Police investigation followed, and the Wing Fat Hong firm was mentioned, it being stated that they had received the consignment of sugar. The managing partner of the Kui Hing Loong firm searched the Wing Fat Hong books and found a receipt for the sugar, but the shop was not that of his own firm.

The managing partner gave evidence bearing this out, and said that one of his shop *foks* told him that the sugar had been delivered to the Wing Fat Hong.

In reply to questions he said he had the defendant arrested, and together with the *fok* the defendant and he went to the Wing Fat Hong shop, and subsequently defendant was released.

Questioned by Mr. McCallum he admitted receiving a solicitor's letter, claiming damages for wrongful arrest in respect of the defendant, to which he did not reply. He admitted he later gave evidence on oath which was responsible for the arrest of defendant a second time.

Mr. McCallum asked His Worship to make a note of this as it was more than likely that when this case was concluded there would be an action for malicious prosecution.

A Chinese witness for the defence, called by the Magistrate before the prosecution had completed their case, said he had been a partner in the Kui Hing Loong firm at the time of the alleged theft. He gave instructions to the defendant to take the sugar to the Wing Fat Shop, as there was not a large enough quantity for the Kui Hing Loong firm to dispose of it wholesale. He was also a partner in the Chau Ki Lam firm, which received payment for the sugar from the Wing Fat Hong, and the latter was given a receipt for the money.

Cross-examined, he admitted that the Kui Hing Loong firm did not get the money, but he was a partner in both firms at the time and accepted the money on their behalf.

After further evidence, His Worship said he did not see how he could convict the defendant of larceny, although he had not heard the completion of the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Leask asked for an adjournment so that he might confer with his client and also with Mr. McCallum.

His Worship adjourned the case until Wednesday, fixing defendant's bail at \$5.

LATE BISHOP CASSELS.

DEATH OF FAMOUS MISSIONARY AND HIS WIFE.

ONE OF THE "CAMBRIDGE SEVEN."

Last August the Assistant Bishop of West China (Dr. Howard Mowll) and his wife, together with six missionaries were captured by brigands and for three weeks were in their hands. A letter has just been received from Bishop Mowll to say that Bishop Cassels, the veteran Bishop of the Diocese, and his wife are dead. Bishop Mowll writes on November 20th:

"I am sorry to inform you of the sudden death of Bishop Cassels on November 7th from typhoid, followed by that of Mrs. Cassels on November 18th. Both had been in their usual health until within a few days of the end and had so appreciated all the manifestations of affection shown them on the thirtieth anniversary of the Bishop's consecration, which fell on St. Luke's Day, that it seemed almost incredible when we laid them to rest side by side on November 18th, just one calendar month afterwards, outside the West door of the Cathedral.

The Bishop has always been associated with this Diocese, and having been connected with it from the very beginning, it seems quite impossible to think of the work without him."

The late Bishop Cassels was one of the famous "Cambridge seven." In 1884 extraordinary interest was aroused by the announcement that the Captain of the Cambridge cricket XI and the stroke car of the Cambridge boat were going out as missionaries. Soon they were joined by five others. Mr. Montagu Beauchamp (now Sir Montagu Beauchamp, Bart.) also a well-known rowing man, Dr. P. E. Hoste, an officer in the Royal Artillery, Messrs. C. H. and A. T. Polhill Turner, both of them prominent Eton and Cambridge cricketers and W. W. Cassels. All volunteered for China. The late Bishop reached China in 1885 and for forty years spent himself in the service of China. Thirty years ago, on St. Luke's Day, he was consecrated as first Bishop of the Diocese of West China; Bishop Edward Talbot, ex-Bishop of Winchester, being consecrated at the same time. The same year the Bishop was married. That this veteran Bishop and his wife should die within a week of one another and be buried on the same day outside the Cathedral Church of that vast and distant Diocese which they so long and faithfully served, has a peculiar pathos and beauty.

BISHOP CASSELS' CAREER.

On news reaching Home of the death of Bishop Cassels, the following account of his career was published in a London paper:—
By the death of Bishop Cassels the first gap is made in the ranks of the "Cambridge Seven," that famous little band which went out to China from this country in 1885. Many will recall the great meetings at both Oxford and Cambridge and the final gatherings at the old Exeter Hall to bid farewell to the seven young men. The Rev. W. W. Cassels, the old St. John's man who had been for nearly three years the Lambeth curate; C. T. Studd, the captain of the Cambridge XI; Stanley Smith, stroke of the Cambridge Eight in 1882; Mr. (now Sir) Montagu Beauchamp; the two Polhills, Arthur and Cecil, who had been in the Eton XI, and one of whom again left for China the other day; and D. E. Hoste, who had been an officer in the Royal Artillery. "At the most in two years we shall see you all going home again," was the cry when they were received in Shanghai. Yet for forty years Bishop Cassels managed to work for China. As a Bishop he was thirty years engaged in work for the Church Missionary Society. He was in charge of the Church of England section of the China Inland Mission in West China. All the others are either still engaged in that great land (they are D. E. Hoste, Arthur Polhill, and Stanley Smith) or are engaged in similar work elsewhere, like C. T. Studd in the Congo, Sir Montagu Beauchamp as Army Chaplain during the war and now secretary of the Army Scripture Readers' Association, and Cecil Polhill here at home with his schemes for a "Chinese Eton." These men's lives are a fitting reply to those who say Moody's influence was evanescent.

Born at Oporto in 1858, Bishop Cassels was educated at Repton. He was one of the pioneer workers in West China, and when he was given a diocese in 1895 he had in his charge an area of 85,000 miles with a population of some 60 millions. Among all denominations he was welcomed as a friend, and despite hardships and discouragements he never lost heart. During his residence in China the bishop saw some remarkable changes. When he went to the West of China as a young pioneer missionary it was to encounter much bitter opposition and prejudice, which frequently showed itself in riot and disorder, but he lived to see this opposition give place to a spirit of friendliness on the part of the people. Some few years ago a cathedral to seat 1,000 people was erected in the city of Pao-ning, which had been his headquarters for nearly 40 years. Churches have also been built in a large number of cities in the diocese, and the bishop was able to ordain some twelve Chinese clergy. He had under his jurisdiction members of both the Church Missionary Society and the China Inland Mission and, owing to the growth of the work, the Archbishop of Canterbury some three years ago appointed an assistant bishop to Bishop Cassels in the person of the Right Rev. H. W. E. Mowll, D.D., news of whose capture by brigands and subsequent liberation was received quite recently. Bishop Cassels repeatedly passed through bandit-infested areas unscathed, and though several times wrecked on the Yangtze-Kiang, he escaped, sometimes with the loss of property. He was a warm advocate of co-ordination for the various missions, and acted as joint chairman with an American Baptist missionary at an important conference held in Chungking this as its object in 1908. Three of the

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LOCAL SPORT.

HOCKEY.

"SHIELD" COMPETITION.

HOLDERS AGAIN DEFEATED.

The Hongkong Hockey Club (the holders of the "Shield") who lost to the Army last week, went down to the Navy by two goals to one in the second match of the triangular series on the U.S.A.C. ground on Wednesday evening.

The teams were as under:—
Club:—P. W. F. Mills; D. H. Sherman; A. P. T. Farquharson; E. F. Stewart; E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.); Rev. E. W. L. Martin; H. Owen Hughes; W. Woodward; A. Dyer; Ball; B. D. Evans; G. P. Lummer.

Navy:—Lt. Garwood; Lt. Wauchope; Lt. Emley; Lt. King; Lt. Simpson (capt.); Lt. Broome; Pay Sub-Lt. Wilson; Lt. Sillitoe, R.M.; Lt. Hill; Lt. Nicholson; Lt. Fleet.
Referee:—Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan. The Navy were faster and showed better accuracy in passing and shooting. For some time in the first stages of the game, they kept up a vigorous attack, and the ball never passed their half.

In turn the Club attacked, only to be driven back by the Navy's fine defenders. After twenty minutes' play, Hill scored for the Navy, and soon after Nicholson added a second. The Club afterwards attacked and Owen Hughes scored.

In the second-half the Club had their share of the game. A ding-dong tussle ensued, with Mills for the Club playing brilliantly in goal. There was no further scoring.

The Club have now lost two out of four matches.

FOOTBALL.

"K.F.C. TEAMS.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in the League matches to-morrow:

Reserves: Hongkong Club Reserves, Club ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Rasmussen; Guest and Urquhart; Street, Brown and Pasco; Morris, Latham, Cavelle, Fitzgerald and Eastman. Reserve: Vickers.

Kowloon "B" v. Moslem "B," Navy "B" ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Nicholls; White and spary; Elkins, Bliss and Hedley; Duncan, Ross, Miles, East and Mason. Reserve: Jordan.

"CARLISLE" DEFEAT SOUTH CHINA.

H.M.S. *Carlisle* beat South China in a "friendly" football match at Sookun-poo on Wednesday.

LAWN BOWLS.

The final of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's singles championship was won on Wednesday by Mr. A. Gourlay, who defeated Mr. A. Holland by 21 points to 20 points.

Holland was 3 shots up early in the game until the 11th end. At the 8th end the score read: Holland 20, Gourlay 17. Gourlay laid his last wood and secured four counters, making the score in his favour, 21-20.

To-morrow afternoon the K.B.G. hold their annual "At Home" to wind up the bowls season. The presentation of prizes won during the season will also take place.

GOLF AT KOWLOON.

DRAW FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is announced that the first round in the Kowloon Golf Club Championship must be completed by December 30th. There was 29 entries, and these have been drawn as follows:—

W. T. McGarry v. R. Johnson, F. Lickley v. T. McGarry, R. Meldrum v. E. A. Beaumont, J. O. McLaggan v. W. McG. Davies, C. Earre v. J. H. Gelling, T. E. Jones v. A. C. S. Burford, W. J. Shenton v. A. Brooksbank, F. E. Lawrence v. W. Paterson, A. W. Brown v. F. E. Remedios, A. W. da Rosa v. J. D. Thomson, V. C. Labrum v. A. W. Roberts, S. J. Jordan v. B. Petheram, F. Oliver v. J. H. Bottomley.

Byes: E. A. da Rosa, F. X. Remedios and K. S. Robertson.

SHANGHAI LADIES AT GOLF.

MRS. FOWLER WINS CHAMPIONSHIP FROM MRS. BAUMGARTNER.

Under very trying conditions the final of the championship of the Shanghai Ladies' Golf Club was contested at Kiangwan last week the finalists being Mrs. H. H. Fowler and Mrs. E. J. V. Baumgartner. It was bitterly cold on the links, and the strong wind which was blowing rendered play at many of the holes very difficult. Notwithstanding this an interesting and exciting match ensued. The afternoon match went to the 16th green when Mrs. Fowler won by 4 and 2. For these 16 holes Mrs. Fowler took 30, while Mrs. Baumgartner did them in 34.

MR. P. W. F. MILLS.

WELL-KNOWN HOCKEY PLAYER LEAVES FOR SHANGHAI.

Mr. P. W. F. Mills, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, who came to the Colony two years ago, left by the s.s. *Antenor* yesterday to join the Shanghai Office of the firm.

Mr. Mills will be missed by the Hongkong Hockey Club. He had acted as secretary to the Hockey Club, and as a player he was consistently good. The Club will have some difficulty to find his equal as a goalkeeper.

Bishop's daughters and two sons-in-law, it may be added, are missionaries in China.

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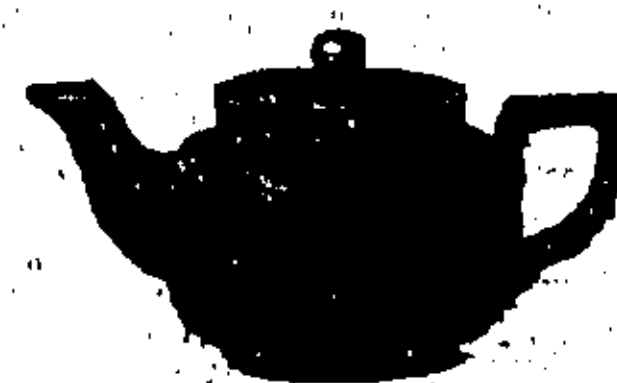


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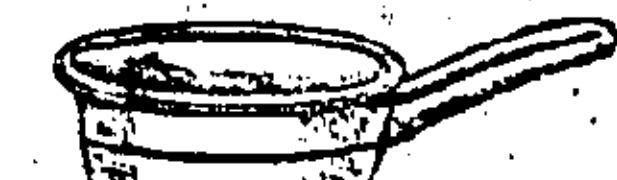


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Hongkong, December 11th 1925. [2982]

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 10th December, 1925. [2961]

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Dated at Hongkong this Third day of December, 1925.

(Signed)
GEORGE MACDONALD YOUNG,
Attorney for Messrs. JOHN SWIRE & SONS, LTD.
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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

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TRUTH AND THE POLITICIAN.

THE PRIME MINISTER enhanced his sound reputation by the Rectorial Address he delivered to the students of Edinburgh University recently. His subject was "Truth in Politics," and his remarks are of interest to everyone who desires the British system of Government to continue unimpaired. Mr. Baldwin says politicians have a bad name, and he set himself the task of examining the reason why this idea is prevalent. That it is fairly widespread cannot be denied. It is on record that there was a certain philosopher who was heard to remark as he watched the many games in progress on the playing fields of a great public school, "What a pity that these honest, open-faced lads should ever have to grow up into shifty Ministers of State." Even those who regard politics as a profession in which a man can render useful services to his country are often far from flattering in their choice of phrases concerning politicians. The Earl of Oxford and Asquith is often applauded for an absence of self-seeking. Sir Austen Chamberlain for his high character, and Mr. Baldwin for his honesty. The praise bestowed seems to suggest by implication that such qualities are rare and surprising in a man who has filled office in an Administration. Of course, to speak of a politician as if high character or transparent honesty is an unusual form of commendation does not really mean that these virtues are generally lacking; but it does disclose a very usual attitude of mind towards politics and politicians. The same attitude is not observed towards other professions. We

do not, in speaking of the medical fraternity, single out a doctor for praise by saying he is a man of high character who merits our confidence, or a bank official and say he has great honesty. If that were done it would imply that the doctor or the bank official in question possessed qualities as individuals which are properly taken for granted as normal to the class. But the idea has been universal for generations that truth is divorced from politics, and it finds expression more or less openly and forcibly from old RICHARD CORDEN's characteristically blunt dictum, "Politics is a dirty trade," to the light and airy gibe, partly humorous and wholly cynical, that may be heard any day in the course of conversation.

Mr. Baldwin was anxious to combat the popular attitude. His own record enabled him to deal with the subject with a freedom that many other politicians might envy. He has given proof of honesty and singleness of purpose. Therefore, when he spoke to the young men of Edinburgh University on truth in politics he could not be accused of "whitewashing" either his calling or the Conservative Party. He deprecated the notion that politicians as a class are either less truthful or less honest than other men engaged in the serious business of the world. But he recognises that the politicians are suspect, and for this he blames the party system as it exists in England. "The party system," said Mr. Baldwin, "is perhaps a contributory cause to giving politicians a bad name. The system has its advantages, its team work, and its loyalties. To our sporting countrymen it appears as a game, and as such it has its rules, and these, for the most part, are honourably obeyed, and are an important help to purity in our public life. But the party system does put a certain embargo on complete frankness of speech in the arena of debate." It therefore comes to this—that as a consequence of the party system a man devoted to politics, out of loyalty to his party, is sometimes apt to juggle with words. In doing so an impression may be conveyed which is not strictly in accordance with the whole of the facts. Mr. Baldwin does not excuse this. On the contrary he is for integrity all the time. But he is alive to the prevailing habit of exaggeration or understatement, and would be glad if public life were rid of men who are not above such temptation.

All the blame cannot, however, be placed to the account of the party system. Another contributory cause, the Premier thinks, is that politics is closely allied in methods to warfare. There is, indeed, an historical parallel between the two. Politics and war are frequently closely intermixed and involved, and as Homer once wrote in an illuminating passage, force and fraud are in war the two cardinal virtues. The means, however, open to criticism if judged by ordinary standards, are too often held to justify the end. Things are done in wartime which would be very rightly reprobated as immoral in time of peace. Politics are a covert form of warfare, when a policy is pushed forward by every kind of argument or rhetorical device which those most concerned are able to press into their service. The vocabulary of politics is borrowed largely from the military. A minister or a party is said to be starting "on a campaign," the other side are referred to as enemies, and an election is a fight which must be carried to victory even if it means nailing the flag to the mast, or dying in the last ditch. It is the familiar language of party speakers and writers. There have been some outstanding figures in politics like Gladstone and Salisbury who have declined to indulge in this kind of exaggeration, and we are pleased to note that the present Prime Minister of England can be placed on the same high level. But in choosing this course of action Mr. Baldwin is not making his path easy. On the contrary he invites opposition from people whose views are narrow. Probably Mr. Baldwin's refusal to engage in common party warfare, coupled with his habit of downright plain speaking, gives a clue to the otherwise remarkable outbreak of hostility directed against himself in recent months in a powerful section of the Press. He is sniped morning and evening by the editorial sharpshooters of the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Express*, and their allied journals, and his offence appears to be chiefly that he considers himself bound as an honourable man to try to carry out the promises he made at the General Election. But we believe he can afford to go his way unarmoured, conscious of the fact that even if he loses a few *MICHAELIS* from the ranks of his followers he gains enormously in power for usefulness as a statesman by increasing his personal prestige among all men, irrespective of party ties, who respect truth in politics and desire to maintain the decency of public life.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle is expected to return to the Colony next February.

The ship's company of H.M.S. *Hawkins* held a successful dance at the Seamen's Institute last night.

Mr. A. Methofer, Dutch Vice-Consul in general service, has been appointed to a post at the Dutch Consulate-General at Hongkong.

Dr. Donald Schokman, who is connected with the Medical Department of Ceylon at Colombo, is on a short visit to Hongkong.

The Bible Study Circle at the Helena May Institute on Friday will be conducted by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, at 10.30 a.m.—ADVT.

Whilst stealing a ride on a train of earth trucks at Laichikok on Wednesday, a small boy was thrown off on the track and sustained serious injuries. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Bishop of London proposes to visit the Far East next year, travelling out by way of Canada. He hopes to be present at the consecration of the Cathedral which the Christian community are erecting in Korea.

A Chinese pedestrian was knocked down in Coronation Road on Wednesday by a bus owned by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to the back.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, who has been in England throughout the period of the Wembley Exhibition, as Commissioner of the Hongkong section, returned to the Colony on the Blue Funnel liner *Antenor*.

In a memorial to the Chief Executive, Mr. Yeh Kung Cho, who recently resigned the portfolio of Minister of Communications, recommended, among other things, the cancellation of all concessions for railways, which do not yet exist.

An enquiry into the deaths of the two Chinese, who were shot and killed by Sub-Inspector Barnett in the hills in the Sheung Shui district, on December 1st, will be held by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on Tuesday next.

H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to distribute First Aid Certificates and Medallions, and Trophies for Efficiency and Swimming, to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Government House on Monday, the 14th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell is to hold an enquiry, at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, into the death of Sgt. A. H. Blackman, who was found dead at his station at Saikung, New Territories, last week, under circumstances which pointed to his having shot himself.

A Chinese news agency states that according to the latest *Peking* reports, about one-seventh of the population of Peking are living chiefly on public charity. Much of this is apparently attributed to the refusal of money changers to have any dealings with notes of the banks controlled by Mukden interests.

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday, the Sang Lee Wing firm claimed \$470.19 from the Wei Hing firm, Shamshuipo, for goods sold and delivered. A manager of the plaintiff firm giving evidence, said that since the writ had been served, \$50 had been paid. Plaintiff was given judgment for the balance, \$420.09, with costs.

Members of the China Coast Officers Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China are summoned to attend a combined meeting of both guilds at the Guild offices on Sunday morning at ten o'clock. According to the advertisement business of the utmost importance is to be transacted and every member of the Guilds who is in port is requested to make a special effort to be present.

Most of the Chinese Ministers in Peking are reported to have tendered their resignations. It is reported that Mr. Chang Shih Min, Vice-Minister of Finance and Chief of the Salt Administration, that he is one of the Fengtien leaders in Peking, and "from fear of being arrested by political opponents," he left Peking for the foreign concessions in Tientsin for personal safety prior to tendering his resignation to the Chief Executive.

Among Hongkong residents who returned from England on the *Antenor* were Mrs. H. A. Lammett and Mr. Alfred Lammett, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Howitt, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse, Mr. M. M. Watson, Mrs. Yates and two children, Mr. J. K. Shaw. Among other passengers for Hongkong were Mr. G. E. Bass, Dr. C. H. Brangwin, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Child, Mrs. Hance and two daughters, Mrs. Lovegrove, Miss M. McGregor, Miss J. B. Smith and Mr. H. Town.

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SITUATION IN NORTH CHINA.

RUSSIAN TROOPS NOW BEING REINFORCED ON CHINESE FRONTIER.

"INTERNATIONAL" TRAIN FROM TIENTSIN TO PEKING DELAYED BY BRIDGE BEING BLOWN UP.

JAPANESE PREMIER CENSURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 10th. The "international" train, which left Tientsin yesterday morning, and was held-up owing to a span of the bridge at Yangtsun having been blown up, reached here at 4 o'clock this morning and left for Tientsin at 8 o'clock.

It was manned by a detachment of American infantry. The train crew effected the necessary repairs to the rails and bridge.

On the journey from Tientsin, firing was heard, but no fighting was seen. The Kuomintang troops (the People's Army, under Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang) are entrenched at Lanfang, while the soldiers of Li Ching Lin (Civil Governor of Chihli) are in trenches at Yangtsun.

REPORTS OF FIGHTING.

PEKING, December 9th. Fighting broke out between Li Ching Lin's troops and the Kuomintang forces about noon today.

BRIDGE DAMAGED.

One span of the bridge at Yangtsun has been blown up, and communication by rail is consequently interrupted. The "international" train which was despatched from Tientsin this morning was thus unable to reach Peking.

[By the Protocol of 1901 the Chinese Government conceded to the Powers the right to occupy certain points for the maintenance of open communication between the Capital and the sea. Yangtsun was one of those points.—Ed.]

RUSSIAN TROOPS ON FRONTIER.

TOKYO, December 10th. Advice to the War Office from Harbin report that the Russian troops on the Chinese frontier are apparently being reinforced. The reason for this is uncertain.

LOOTING AT CHINCHOW.

PEKING, December 10th. "Kuo Sung Ling is semi-officially reported as being still at Chinchow where much looting is said to have occurred in the suburbs. His troops are advancing slowly, owing to the cutting of the railways by the Mukden forces. As a result the capture of Mukden may not be effected for some time though it is still considered impossible that Chang Tso Lin can re-organise his forces.

JAPAN'S PREMIER HECKLED.

TOKYO, December 10th. The Government Party has presented a resolution to the Premier, censuring the Government for failing to take action to prevent the present development in the Manchurian situation. The resolution further advises that steps be taken to protect Japanese interests.

The Premier is expected to announce his own views shortly.

SPY SCARE IN FRANCE.

BRITISH EMBASSY ISSUES STATEMENT.

PARIS, December 9th.

In connection with the espionage case, the British Embassy states that no British Government service has ever been in touch in any way with the British wireless company in Paris whose British representatives have been arrested, nor has it any knowledge of the operations of this company.

COMMERCIAL COMPETITION.

The supposed espionage case is now believed to be only a matter of commercial competition between big aviation firms.

In view of the fact that the search of Miss Moreuil's belongings and of the residences of the three accused Englishmen has not revealed any vestige of incriminating evidence, Miss Moreuil's self-accusations are no longer regarded seriously.

Her acquaintances described her as being neurotic, with a tendency for megalomania, while the willingness with which she poured out her confession, coupled with the childish nature of the majority of her assertions, encourages scepticism.

PRESS LESS ALARMED.

The newspapers are beginning to take a less alarmist view of the espionage case.

L'Intransigent, quotes M. Eynac, the Under Secretary for Air, as saying that his Department knows nothing of Miss Marthe Moreuil and that the information that interested her is available to anybody. *L'Intransigent* adds that all the information the supposed spies apparently wanted is available to the public in the Aeronautic Year Book. In any case the British Air Ministry could obtain everything it wanted from the Office of the Under Secretary for Air. *L'Intransigent* concludes by deprecating a tragic view of the affair, saying "it would be a pity if such minor incidents lessened the mutual Anglo-French confidence recently consecrated at Locarno."

DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

COUNCIL OF LEAGUE TO ISSUE CIRCULAR.

LONDON, December 9th.

The Council of the League of Nations has approved the disarmament committee's recommendation to circulate all Governments with a questionnaire on the subject of control of the private manufacture of arms and munitions and implements of war, recommending a reply before June 1st, 1924.

It is learned that at this morning's private sitting of the Council the subject was the programme of the proposed disarmament. The divergent Anglo-French views on the question of mutual assistance, provided by Article XVII of the Covenant, which had long delayed an agreement, were practically reconciled.

VICKERS LIMITED.

DRASTIC REFORMS NOW UNDER RECOMMENDATION.

LONDON, December 9th.

Drastric reconstruction of the firm of Vickers, Limited, is recommended by the commission appointed to enquire into the company's financial position, in consequence of its reduced earning power arising from post-war depression.

The commission advises that the capital be written down by twelve and a half millions sterling. It advises a far-reaching change in the methods of control, including the dismissal of redundant officials; also that they should shut down the plants and wind up all unprofitable subsidiary and affiliated enterprises.

The commissioners are of opinion that the foregoing will enable the company to resume paying dividends.

The chairman of Vickers, circulating the report, points out that the reduction of capital is essentially a book entry, and does not affect the intrinsic value of the firm's assets.

OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA.

GERMAN STEAMER DETAINED AT MADRAS.

MADRAS, December 9th.

The German cargo steamer *Tafelberg* which arrived from Hamburg last week has been quarantined owing to a sudden outbreak of cholera aboard. Two of the crew have died and seven have been sent to hospital.

TRADE, TIDE TURNS.

THOUGH ADVERSE BALANCE IS STILL SHOWN.

LONDON, December 9th.

In a speech at Pontypool, Sir A. Steel-Maitland said that unquestionably the industrial tide had turned. The cotton trade was very much better. The woollen trade was quite distinctly better. Engineering was improving.

NOVEMBER TRADE FIGURES.

British trade returns for November show that imports totalled £114,693,000, an increase of £3,334,000 as compared with the previous month of October, and that exports totalled £99,977,000, an increase of £8,195,000 as compared with the previous month.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

VARSITY MATCH ENDS IN DRAW OF TWO ALL.

LONDON, December 9th.

At Chelsea on the Stamford Bridge ground to-day before five thousand spectators Oxford drew with Cambridge in the annual soccer match. Fast go-ahead football was witnessed in sunny weather and after twenty-four minutes play Whewell, the Cambridge centre half secured just over the halfway line and punning a few yards scored with a terrific shot.

Shortly afterwards Fisher, the Oxford left-winger, muddled the ball for Chadder to equalise. Play was even up to the interval when the score was 1-1.

Seven minutes after the resumption the Cantabs once more went ahead. Piper, the outside-left putting in a shot which rebounded into the net off the goalkeeper.

The Oxford equaliser was not long in coming; a scramble in the goalmouth culminating in Scicluna netting.

The game was well contested to the end, both goals having wonderful escapes. There was, however, no further scoring and the match ended in a draw of two goals all.

LEAGUE AND CUP GAMES.

In the First Division of the English League to-day at Newcastle, the home team defeated Sheffield United by three goals to one.

After three drawn matches, Blyth Spartans eliminated Hartlepool from the English Cup Competition, the score being 2-1 in their favour.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

BOGULJUBOFF, WINNER AT MOSCOW MEETING.

Moscow, December 9th.

The chess tournament has concluded. Boguljuboff, with fifteen and a half points, is first.

Lasker, fourteen, is second. Capablanca, thirteen and a half, is third.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

UNITED STATES' BUDGET.

ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR FORECAST BIG SURPLUS.

WASHINGTON, December 9th.

The Budget estimates for the coming year provide for the expenditure of \$3,866,000,000, an increase of \$160,000,000. Most of the increase goes to the postal service which is operating on a new schedule of wages and to the Veterans Bureau to meet the increasing requirements of the soldiers' bonus. The Army and Navy estimates are substantially unchanged but the aviation service will receive somewhat larger funds for additional equipment. The appropriation for Coastguards is increased by \$3,500,000 mainly to provide for the more efficient enforcement of prohibition.

VIEWS OF PRESIDENT.

President Coolidge, in his Budget Message to Congress, said that the minimum cost of running the Government had been reached and that the normal expansion of the nation would keep the Government machinery in motion. President Coolidge anticipated a surplus of \$330,000,000 for the year 1923-24 and \$272,000,000 for the current year.

The President was of opinion that the Tax Bill as drafted by the Committee of the House was further regarding the extent of reductions and exemptions than he expected. As regards the air policy he stated that the provision of \$42,500,000 for the combined services should accomplish the aim of keeping the aircraft industry alive for a national emergency.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HUNG CHAO LIN DEAD.

CHINESE GENERAL SUCCEUMS TO SHOTS OF ASSASSIN.

SHANGHAI, December 9th.

General Hung-Chao Lin, who was shot by a member of the crew of the s.s. *President Pierce*, while en route to Shanghai, has succumbed to his wounds.

[The late General Hung Chao Lin was well-known in Hongkong as one of General Chan Kwing Ming's right hand men. Some two years ago, General Hung had a narrow escape when a bomb was thrown at him in a street in Kowloon City. In the last campaign he had command of the Anti-Red forces operating in the East River districts.]

SILK WITHIN EMPIRE.

HONGKONG MENTIONED AS LIKELY PRODUCER.

LONDON, December 9th.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that the Department of Overseas Trade is considering the possibility of promoting the production of raw silk within the Empire, and that a preliminary investigation shows that Cyprus, the Kenya Highlands, North Queensland, Hongkong, Iraq and parts of India are suitable.

HONGKONG AND CANTON.

BOYCOTT ISSUE RAISED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, December 9th.

In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the extent of the Government's efforts to end the boycott between Canton and Hongkong. Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson said that the conditions prevailing in Canton necessitated leaving the local British officials a large measure of discretion. Their efforts had been unremitting and, although up to the present unsuccessful, he understood that a further attempt was now being made to reach a settlement.

THE CASE OF EUGENE CHEN. LINKED WITH ISSUE OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY.

The arbitrary arrest of Mr. Eugene Chen, formerly Editor of the *Min Pao*, and his illegal detention, will stand as a great blot upon the independence of the Chinese judiciary, and may be viewed by the foreign jurists coming to China to investigate Chinese judicial systems as a proof or an argument against the surrendering of the foreign extraterritorial rights in the country.

This is the opinion which Mr. Yang Shu Kian, Minister of Justice, has expressed with reference to the case of Mr. Eugene Chen in connection with the general question of the abolition of extraterritorial rights in China.

A Peking dispatch reports Mr. Yang as saying:—

"Mr. Chen is a foreign educated Chinese. He has a large number of foreign friends and perhaps enemies, too. But his arrest by the Fengtien military men in Peking is a matter which has attracted a good deal of attention from the foreigners in China who are ready to seize every excuse and point to any convenient fact to postpone the day when they must surrender their extraterritorial privileges. It was bad enough that Mr. Chen was arrested, and without due process of law, especially at a time when Peking was not under martial law. It is now infinitely worse as Mr. Chen has been detained so long without trial, and no one knows exactly where he is confined now. It is much to be regretted that this sort of military interference with administration of justice in China will have a very bad effect upon those jurists who are coming to China to investigate the judicial conditions here."

[Mr. Eugene Chen has been released since this statement was made and is now in Peking.]

SHIP ASHORE.

JAPANESE VESSEL STRANDED AT SAMANA BAY.

NEW YORK, December 9th.

A message from Santo Domingo states that the Japanese steamer *Belgium Maru*, bound from Calcutta to New York, has stranded at the entrance to Samana Bay. She is not leaking.

THE WAR IN MANCHURIA.

\$500,000 FOR KUO'S HEAD.

A Japanese *News Agency*, states that Marshal Chang Tso Lin has issued the following proclamation to all his Fengtien troops:—

- (1) Any one who captures General Kuo Sung Ling alive will be given \$500,000 as a reward.
- (2) Any one who brings back the head of General Kuo Sung Ling will be given \$50,000.
- (3) Any one who kills General Kuo Sung Ling will be given \$30,000.
- (4) Any one who burns or destroys the store depots belonging to General Kuo's troops will be given \$40,000.
- (5) Any one who arrests any military leaders of General Kuo's troops will be given \$10,000.
- (6) Those mutinous soldiers, who refused to surrender to the Fengtien troops, shall be shot to death upon arrest.

RUBBER CULTIVATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

EXPERIMENTAL PLANTATION NEAR MANILA.

The planting of 10,000 rubber seedlings as an experiment has started in the Los Banes plantation of the Bureau of Forestry, some 50 miles distant from Manila, says Reuter's correspondent. The plantation, which is at the foot of Mt. Makiling, is said to possess the climatic conditions suitable to rubber culture and officials of the Bureau of Forestry are optimistic about the results of the experiment, which, they believe, will lead to the growing of rubber on a large scale.

Three Bills were introduced in the late legislature looking to amendment of the land laws of the Philippine Islands in such a manner as to permit the leasing or purchase of large tracts of land which would be devoted to rubber growing, but all failed of passage, except one authorizing the Government to spend \$82,500 for the purchase of rubber seeds to be distributed to farmers at cost.

At present no individual or corporation can acquire more than 2,500 acres of land. The bills which were placed before the legislature provided for the leasing of 50,000 acres or more to a corporation for a period of 25 years with the privilege of renewal at the end of the period. Those responsible for the bill claimed that with such liberal terms large corporations would be able to produce rubber profitably and that large sums of money would be invested in the project.

Rubber growing in the southern islands of the archipelago is now carried on successfully, though on a small scale, only a few thousand tons being produced annually on Basilan Island and in Mindanao.

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PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES.

The P. and O. Company has instituted a "profit-sharing scheme" for its employees, in which the employees of its associate company, the British India Steam Navigation Company, will be eligible to participate. At their meeting on November 10th, the board unanimously approved of the scheme. It becomes possible for an employee, after or before, to deposit with the company a minimum of £10, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, and as the dividend on the company's deferred stock has for very many years past been maintained at or above 10 per cent., depositors appear to have a reasonable prospect of receiving a return of 7½ per cent. on the total amount of their deposits. The plan will encourage thrift, and give the depositors a direct interest in the profits of the company. Not only is the basic rate of 5 per cent. a satisfactory one, but any additional interest will be entirely dependent on the prosperity of the company, as indicated by the rate of dividend declared on the deferred stock.

A FEAT OF HORSEMANSHIP.

For the third time in the history of Japanese horsemanship, a man has ridden up the long steep stairway of the Atagoyama Shrine, and made the return journey without injury either to himself or his horse. The intrepid horseman, Toshita Iwaki, declared that it had been the ambition of his life to accomplish this feat. The danger and difficulty of the performance can be surmised when it is known that the historic shrine stairway is 30 feet high and has an incline of about 60 degrees. A slip on the stairs would probably mean death to both horse and rider. The first man said to have ridden up the stairway was a samurai, one Heikuro Magaki, who made the climb safely in 1706. For 150 years but one other horseman accomplished the feat.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSUL DEPORTATIONS.

GENERAL LAIDONER'S REPORT TO LEAGUE COUNCIL.

GENEVA, December 10th.

The Report of General Laidoner, presented to the League Council, says that the statements of refugees show that Turkish soldiers, commanded by officers, occupied the villages and obtained arms, pillaged the houses and subjected the inhabitants to atrocious violence and even massacre.

General Laidoner's personal observations confirmed the pitiable condition of the refugees, who lost everything.

The Report emphasises the importance of the deportation of Christians, in the region of the Brussel line, and adds that deportations are proceeding.

After reading his report, General Laidoner announced the receipt of a telegram from Mosul, stating that all was quiet on the frontier.

The presentation of the report coincided with the receipt of a letter by the Council from the Turkish delegation, announcing its withdrawal in consequence of the Council's decision over the Mosul dispute.

[A Geneva message, dated September 29th, stated: The Council of the League of Nations has appointed an Estonian, General Laidoner, as commissioner to investigate the Mosul deportations.]

EARLIER CABLES.

THE IRISH BILL.

PASSED HOUSE OF LORDS WITHOUT DIVISION.

LONDON, December 9th.

The Irish Bill passed through all its stages in the House of Lords without a division.

Both Ulster Houses of Parliament have passed the resolution approving the boundary agreement. Sir James Craig paid tribute to the sympathy Mr. Baldwin had exhibited towards Ulster, and declared that Britain had been generous, statesmanlike and kind in her treatment of Ireland. He trusted the North and South would be able to meet as necessity arose in a friendly manner to discuss matters of mutual interest.

THE EMPIRE'S TRADE.

LORD INCHCAPE SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING.

LONDON, December 9th.

Lord Inchcape, presiding at the Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Co.'s meeting, touched on a number of economic questions affecting the company's interests. He said the replenishment of ships had been suspended in consequence of the high shipbuilding costs. The reduced dividend distribution was only possible by the help of investments and by drawing on the reserves.

He condemned the protectionist policy application in the Safeguarding of Industries Act. Referring to the question of Dominion tariffs he drew attention to their disposition to shut out manufactures by tariffs or subsidies. He mentioned in this connection the latest proposal by India to put an import duty on British coal; while in the case of Austria he concluded from statistics that immigrants were increasingly entering the urban industries as against settling on the land, and the former were being more and more protected against imports.

AIM OF INDIA.

It appeared to be the aim of India and the Dominions to manufacture all their requirements and import nothing, therefore Britain could not rely on Empire trade. He declared we could not escape dependence on foreign markets.

He was convinced the restoration of the gold standard was proper.

Lord Inchcape considered that the trade unionists would never succumb to the seditious doctrine headquartered at Moscow, and was of opinion that not ten per cent. of the seamen had their heart in the recent strike in Australasia and South-Africa, which was led by avowed Communists. A significant fact was that only British vessels were involved. These extremists in Australasia had been defeated by Mr. Bruce, "a statesman with both courage and determination."

SAFEGUARDING INDUSTRIES.

SECOND READING OF BILL PASSED COMMONS.

LONDON, December 9th.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Safeguarding of Industries Customs Duties Bill, a clause of which provides that Empire-produced cutlery, gloves and gas mantles shall pay only two-thirds of the duty.

A motion by Mr. Snowden for rejection of the Bill was defeated by 398 to 142.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 9th.

Hung Sang, British str., 1,550 tons, Capt. R. McNair, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C35.—J. M. & Co.

Jade, French str., 388 tons, Capt. P. Maternati, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C11.—Shun Cheong S.S. Co.

Fimiale, Italian m.s., 5,413 tons, Capt. Fabiani, from Trieste and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Doddwell & Co.

December 10th.

Andes Maru, Japanese str., 1,772 tons, Capt. M. Kamekura, from Formosa, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—O.S.R.

Antenor, British str., 6,509 tons, Capt. J. G. Reynard, from Liverpool, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf.—B. & S.

Haiching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Foochow and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. E. Bentley, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C35.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

President Jackson, American str., 9,377 tons, Capt. Thomas P. Quinn, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—A.O.L.

President Taft, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. C. M. Crechane, from San Francisco, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Tjikini, Dutch str., 2,888 tons, Capt. J. A. Adams, from Shanghai and Swatow, lying at Stonecutters.—J.C.J.L.

Yan Chuan, Dutch str., 2,389 tons, Capt. G. Hagendieker, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

December 10th.

Amakusa Maru, for Hoihow.
Antenor, for Shanghai.
Chishun, for Hoihow.
Devanagere, for Macao.
Halvard, for Haiphong.
Jade, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Kaito Maru, for Samarang.
Sui Tung, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Haiching*, on December 10th.—Mrs. Moore, Miss and Mrs. S. Rogers, Mr. W. J. Roberts, Mr. T. Hind, Mr. Wm. Galloway.

Per s.s. *President Taft*, on December 10th.—For Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark, Mr. K. M. Fung, Mr. J. M. Gantvoort, Mr. C. Garstin, Mr. J. Goo Choy, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. Lew Tait, Mr. G. A. Maszkowski, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker. For Manila: 50 passengers.

Per s.s. *President Jackson*, on December 10th.—Hongkong: Mr. J. Barr, Mr. H. Bristol, Mr. A. Broadbent, Mr. K. W. Chan, Mr. Chua Hi Chian, Mr. Geo. C. and Mrs. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grant, Mr. C. E. Peacock, Dr. Donald Schokman, Mr. H. Valimam, For Shanghai: Miss D. Bailey, Mr. N. S. Chan, Mr. E. F. Turner, Mrs. M. U. Turner, For Kowloon: Mr. H. Johnson, Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Mr. R. E. MacIntyre, Mr. R. E. Marie, Mr. F. A. Oleaga, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Ranney. For Yokohama: Mr. B. H. Lydon. For Seattle: Mr. C. P. Bratnaber, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Diot, Mrs. H. D. Frieder, Mr. Hervey Lindley, Miss V. M. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rifkin, Miss L. L. Rifkin, Mr. H. J. Steele, Mr. A. Z. Scipp, Mrs. H. D. Williams, Miss M. Zemp.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Yokohama on December 10th at 8.30 a.m., left the same day at 5 p.m., and is due at Hongkong on December 17th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Ayra (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1926.
Amakusa (M.M.), due to-day.
Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due Dec. 17th.
Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due Dec. 25th.
Maru (P. & O.), due to-day, about 8 a.m.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1925.

(Standard of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date. Sunrise. Sunset.

December 11th.....6.53 a.m. 5.40 p.m.

" 12th.....6.53 " 5.40 "

" 13th.....6.54 " 5.40 "

" 14th.....6.54 " 5.41 "

" 15th.....6.55 " 5.41 "

" 16th.....6.56 " 5.41 "

" 17th.....6.56 " 5.42 "

" 18th.....6.57 " 5.42 "

" 19th.....6.57 " 5.43 "

" 20th.....6.58 " 5.43 "

" 21st.....6.58 " 5.44 "

" 22nd.....6.59 " 5.44 "

" 23rd.....6.59 " 5.45 "

" 24th.....7.00 " 5.45 "

" 25th.....7.00 " 5.46 "

" 26th.....7.01 " 5.46 "

" 27th.....7.01 " 5.47 "

" 28th.....7.02 " 5.48 "

" 29th.....7.02 " 5.48 "

" 30th.....7.02 " 5.49 "

" 31st.....7.03 " 5.49 "

SHIPPING NOTES.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed a considerable improvement in the returns compared with those for the previous twenty-four hours. The arrivals were increased by nine and the total number of vessels in the harbour at 6 a.m. yesterday was 61, of which 29 were British, compared with 27 and 24 at the same hour the previous day.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were thirteen, against four for the previous twenty-four hours. The nationalities of the arrivals were five British, one French, one Italian, three American, one Portuguese and two Japanese. The departures for the same period numbered seven and clearances three.

The total cargo entered for Hongkong for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 12,173 tons, against 4,170 tons for the previous twenty-four hours. Four figure entries were made by three British vessels, namely the s.s. *Antenor* (1,225 tons), the s.s. *Hung Sang* (2,450 tons) and the s.s. *Shinsei Maru* (Japanese) entered 3,430 tons of coal. For ports beyond Hongkong there was entered cargo amounting to 16,374 tons, against only 45 tons for the previous day. The combined cargo entered totalled 28,547 tons, compared with 4,215 tons previously.

Deck passengers entered came to 321, of which 210 were carried by the s.s. *President Taft* from San Francisco and Shanghai and 53 by the s.s. *Kaito Maru* from Keelung and Swatow.

The arrivals were the s.s. *Antenor* (British) from Liverpool and Singapore with 1,225 tons of general cargo and general and naval mail; the s.s. *Kashmir* (British) from Yokohama and Shanghai with 55 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Hung Sang* (British) from Haiphong and Hoihow with 2,950 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Ting Sang* (British) from Shanghai with 887 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Lai Sang* (British) from Kobe and Osaka with 1,106 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Jade* (French) from Fort Bayard with general cargo; the s.s. *Fimiale* (Italian) from Trieste and Singapore with 200 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *President Jackson* (American) from Manila with 92 tons of cigars, tobacco, rattan and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *President Taft* (American) from San Francisco and Shanghai with 458 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Scottsburg* (American) from New York and Iloilo with 220 tons of general cargo; the s.s. *Hoi Nam* (Portuguese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 80 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Kaito Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 172 tons of general cargo and mail and the s.s. *Shinsei Maru* (Japanese) from Chinwangtao with 5,430 tons of coal.

The first of the five motor ships of 10,000 tons dead-weight ordered by a British shipping company was successfully launched at the Deutsche-Werft, Hamburg, on November 10th. The ship has been named *Japanese Prince*. The *Japanese Prince* is one of the five motor vessels for which contracts were placed by Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co. The new motor ships are intended for the Far Eastern service from the United States and they will, Sir Frederick Lewis said, be the fastest cargo vessels in the trade.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 10th.

Previous On Date On Day

Day at 2 p.m. at 6 a.m. at 2 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.69 30.13 30.12

Temperature ... 66 62 66

Humidity ... 45 63 69

Wind Direction ... WNW NE E

Force ... 1 2 1

Weather ... 0 0 0

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 9th ... 66

Lowest open-air Temperature on 10th ... 59

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 11th to 17th, 1925.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Days of Week Days of Month H'kong Standard Time Height. H'kong Standard Time Height.

Fri. 11 h. m. ft. in. h. m. ft. in.

Sat. 12 m. 5 2 5 2 m. 11 45 2 6

Sun. 13 m. 8 26 5 2 m. 0 46 3 3

Mon. 14 m. 6 50 6 6 m. 0 23 2 6

Tues. 15 m. 7 27 5 2 m. 1 38 2 6

Wed. 16 m. 7 23 7 1 m. 1 0 2 7

Thur. 17 m. 8 23 5 1 m. 2 24 1 8

Fri. 18 m. 7 59 7 6 m. 1 37 2 8

Sat. 19 m. 8 12 5 9 m. 2 6 1 1

Sun. 20 m. 8 36 5 9 m. 2 14 2 9

Mon. 21 m. 10 14 8 9 m. 3 51 0 8

Tues. 22 m. 9 14 8 8 m. 2 52 3 1

Wed. 23 m. 11 12 4 7 m. 4 26 0 5

Thur. 24 m. 9 54 8 4 m. 3 31 3 3

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 8
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 14	Feb. 22
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 28	Mar. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 14	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Apr. 5
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 9	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 6	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 17	June 20	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4	July 12

HONGKONG-MANILA-HONGKONG SERVICE

Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
Hongkong	Manila	Manila	Hongkong
Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 23
Jan. 1	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 6

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BANGKOK	"PAUSANG"	Wednesday	16th Dec. at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HUIHOW	"YUENSANG"	Wednesday	16th Dec. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"CHOANGSANG"	Friday	18th Dec. at Noon.
TIENTSIN via OHEFOO	"MAUSANG"	Friday	18th Dec. at Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MINGSANG"	Tuesday	20th Dec. at Noon.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"HOSANG"	Thursday	24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HINSANG"	Saturday	26th Dec. at Noon.
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"GLENIFFER"	21st "	"GLENSHIEL"	31st Jan.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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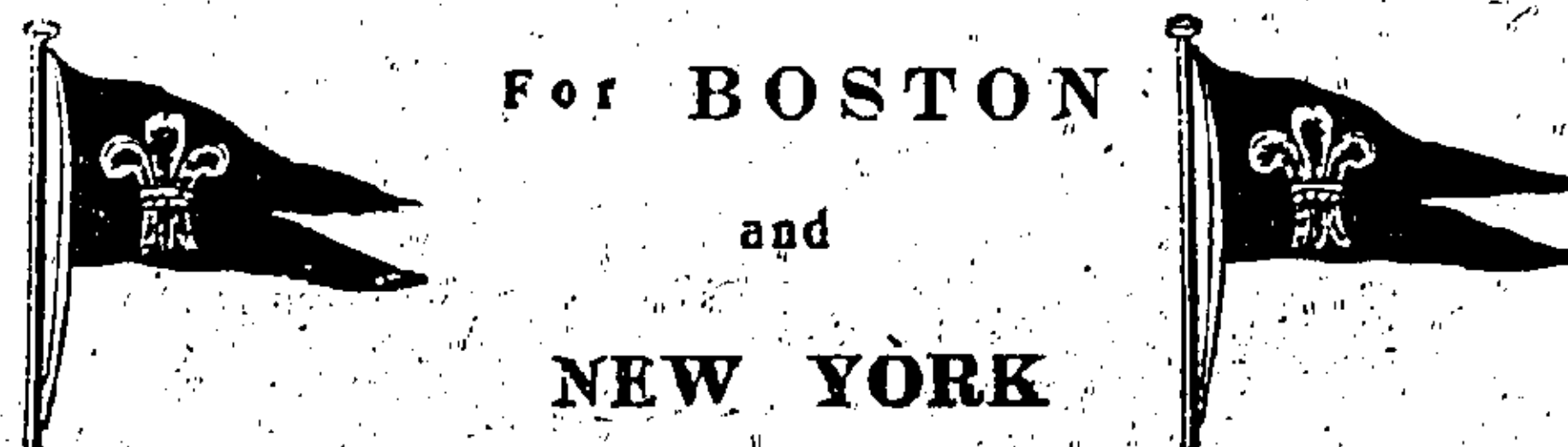
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 "EUROPE, ETC.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY
DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
 (Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"KOREA"	10,911	12th Dec. noon	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	26th Dec. 1923	Marseilles, London, A'werp. and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	9th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Mars., London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	4th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Colombo, and B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,085	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don, A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	29th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,135	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,134	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Rhedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong	Destination.
"TILAWA"	10,000	12th Dec. 10.30 a.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	8,015	18th Dec.	do.
"TAMLA"	10,000	26th Dec.	do.
"TAKADA"	8,942	11th Jan.	do.

BASTEN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong	Destination.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th May	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd June	do.

The E. & A.S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hilo, Cebu, Solomoung, Tawao, Timor, Durwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
 The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.
 The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
 The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
 The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong	Destination.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	12th Dec. 3 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	12th Dec. 6.30 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	14th Dec.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,958	21st Dec.	Kobe.
"SIGILLI"	8,112	25th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Dec. 1923.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,085	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,918	6th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,134	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	20th Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,089	11th June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

*Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Parcels measuring not more than 2 1/2 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freights, Handbooks, etc., apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,

P. & O. Building, Connaught Road Central, HONGKONG.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.,

HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA COAST PORT SERVICE.

REGULAR SERVICE of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers, saving, good accommodation for First-Class Passengers, Electric Light and Fans in Staterooms, Saloons and Excellent cuisine.

FOR

AMOY & FOOCHOW

AND RETURN

(Occupying 9 or 10 Days)
 Capt. & H. Stewart. Tuesday, 15th Dec., at 1 p.m.
 *Calling at Amoy for Passengers only.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) and Return by the same Steamer by the "HAI-NING," "HAI-HONG" and "HAICHING" at the Reduced Rate of \$30.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

For Freight and Passage apply to—

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General Managers

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong	Destination.
HAIPHONG	...	...	TEAN
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	...	...	SHANTUNG
AMOY & SINGAPORE	...	...	AMOI
HAIPHONG	...	...	KANCHOW
WUHAITEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	...	...	HUICHOW
BANGKOK	...	...	KWEIYING
AMOY & SHANGHAI	...	...	SZCHUEN
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	...	...	KIANGSU

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AUSTRALIAN-ORIENTAL LINE, LTD.

"TAIPING"

This Vessel will sail hence on her maiden voyage during the first half of January, 1924. (date to be advised later)

MANILA, PORT RANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Through Bills of Lading issued to ALL AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND AND TAIWANIAN PORTS.

THIS NEW VESSEL IS FITTED WITH THE FINEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE FIRST AND SECOND CLASS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.
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S.S. "CORBY CASTLE" ... Sails 20th Jan.

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REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FUME).

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.

REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE OR TRIESTE

£66.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARD FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI

M.S. "ESQUILINO" ... Sails 8th Jan.

HOMEWARD FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

M.S. "VIMINALE" ... Sails 4th Jan.
 M.S. "ESQUILINO" ... Sails 4th Feb.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM CALCUTTA, COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

S.S. "UMSINGA" ... (Sails from Calcutta 30th Dec. Colombo: 10th Jan.)

S.S. "UMVOLOSI" ... (Sails from Calcutta 31st Jan. Colombo: 10th Feb.)

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
 Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines, apply to—

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M. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES M.
SERVICES CONTRACTUELS

Mail Steamers.	Next Sailings from Marseilles.	Pro. Arr. at Hkg. and Sailing for S'hai and Japan.	Probable Sailings from Hongkong for Marseilles.
PAUL LECAT	...	...	22nd Dec., 1923
AMBOISE	...	...	5th Jan., 1924
AMAZONE	...	...	19th Jan. "
FONTAINE BLEAU	...	...	3rd Feb. "
DIARTAGNAN	...	...	18th Feb. "
ANGKOR	...	...	2nd Mar. "
PORTHOS	...	...	18th Mar. "

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES

(Including Table Wine and Free Doctor's Attendance).
 A CLASS 1st Class—2 68. 0d. od. B CLASS 1st Class—2 62. 0d. od.
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Through Tickets to London and Landing Towns of Europe.

Accommodation reserved in the Trains at Marseilles.

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"S.S." & DUNKIRK about.

S.S. "CAPITAINE FAURE" from DUNKIRK, LONDON & HAVRE is due to arrive on the 21st December.

Sailings subject to alteration without notice.

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 CONSIGNATION—TRANSIT—REPRESENTATION.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Radio Service has reverted to normal hours of working. Messages may be handed in at any hour of the day or night during General Post Office hours at Radio Counter, Main Hall, at all other times messages should be taken through the corner entrance at Fodder Street and Des Vaux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building, these doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained by ringing the night-bell.

The Parcel Post Service to Canton is suspended until further notice.

Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice. Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay. Messages in Code must have name of Code used included in text.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DUE
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 12, Nov. & Parcel, Nov.)	Macedonia	11th Dec.
SAIGON	Amboise	11th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Morea	11th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Namsang	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Kanchow	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Szechuen	13th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Aoyang	14th Dec.
SHANGHAI & MANILA	Aoyang	14th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley	14th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Ati Maru	16th Dec.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Emp. of Canada	17th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Haruna Maru	18th Dec.
JAPAN	Pres. Taft	18th Dec.
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	19th Dec.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Haruna Maru	22nd Dec.
JAPAN	Pres. Taft	23rd Dec.
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	23rd Dec.
SHANGHAI	Kashima Maru	25th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 8.30 A.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 10.30 A.M.
Straits	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 11.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 30th Dec.	Pres. Jackson	Friday, 11th, 2.45 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Taft	Friday, 11th, 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Macedonia	Friday, 11th, 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Amboise	Friday, 11th, 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Bangkok	Kashima Maru	Friday, 11th, 3.30 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 3.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Suez, 12th Jan. 1926.	Morea	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Java via Sourabaya	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters & Postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Shantung	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Amakusa Maru	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 7th Jan. 1926.	Achilles	Monday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Amakusa Maru	Monday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Amakusa Maru	Monday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy	Amakusa Maru	Monday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters & Postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Ati Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.
Amoy and Foochow	Ati Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.
Bangkok	Ati Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.
Manila	Ati Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.
Amoy	Ati Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Ati Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 10th, 1925.

On London—	Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	155 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	155 1/2	
Credit, at 4 months' sight	155 1/2	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	155 1/2	
On Paris—	Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2
Credit, 4 months' sight	155 1/2	
On New York—	Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2
Credit, at 30 days' sight	155 1/2	
On Bombay—	Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2	
On Calcutta—	Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2	
On Shanghai—	Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.	
On Yokohama—On demand	155 1/2	
On Manila—On demand	155 1/2	
On Singapore—On demand	155 1/2	
On Batavia—On demand	155 1/2	
On Hongkong—On demand	155 1/2	
On Saigon—On demand	155 1/2	
On Bangkok—On demand	155 1/2	
Overseas, Bank's Buying rate	88.24	
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	32 1/16	
Bar Silver, per oz.	32 1/16	

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up\$20,000,000
Reserve Funds: Sterling£4,500,000
Silver\$26,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors\$20,000,000

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W. H. P. White, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
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W. H. Bell, Esq., W. L. Patterson, Esq.
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 10th May, 1925. [25]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.
Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at CURRENT RATES.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [2]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors£3,000,000

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

Head Office:

74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

CapitalFr. 20,000,000
ReservesFr. 11,000,000
Special Working CapitalFr. 50,000,000

RANCHES:
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London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN, Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925. [39]

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Authorized Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,800,000
Reserve Fund£1,200,000

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 3 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, PARIS.

Head Office:

96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed CapitalFr. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up CapitalFr. 68,400,000.00
Reserve FundFr. 69,867,283.54

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In New York: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co., of New York.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT, Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD. (TAIWAN GINKEO.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital SubscribedYen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)Yen 39,375,000

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T. TAKAGI, Manager, Hongkong Branch, 3, Des Vaux Road, Central, Hongkong, 1st December, 1925. [27]

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Head Office: HONGKONG.

Established 1912.

Authorized Capital£1,200,000
Paid Up Capital£1,078,580
Silver Reserve Fund£700,000
Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.

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THE BANK OF CHINA. 行銀國中

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital\$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital18,278,800.00
Reserve Fund9,629,425.24

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on Approved Securities. Special facilities for Home Exchange. TSUYEE PEI, Manager.
Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [38]

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).

Established 1824.

Hongkong Branch established 1909.

Authorized CapitalGuilder 150,000,000
(212,500,000)

Paid-up Capital80,000,000
(28,636,670)

Reserve Fund20,536,501
(21,111,405)

Special Reserves22,820,000
(21,833,330)

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.

Eastern Head Office: BATAVIA.

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